

**Committee of the Whole – 6:30 P.M.  
Regular City Council Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the North Pole City Council was held on Monday, August 1, 2011 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 125 Snowman Lane, North Pole, Alaska.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Doug Isaacson called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, August 1, 2011 to order at 7:00 p.m.

***There were present:***

**Ms. Arnold  
Mr. McGhee  
Ms. Hunter  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Holm  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mayor Isaacson**

***Absent/Excused***

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG**

Led by Mayor Isaacson

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Councilman McGhee

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Mr. Jones *moved to* Approve the Agenda of August 1, 2011**

**Seconded by Mr. McGhee**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES –7–Holm, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained- 0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Approve the Minutes of July 18, 2011**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES –7 –Holm, Arnold, Hunter, McGhee, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained- 0**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**Communication Highlights from the Mayor for the period ending August 1, 2011**

**ISSUES:**

• **ITADORI SISTER CITY ARRIVES THIS WEEK!**: As mentioned last Council meeting, North Pole will be hosting 16 kids and 4 adults from Itadori from August 4 through August 9. Please attend the following events:

- Welcome Reception: August 4, 6:30 pm @ City Hall, Chief Lane will be grilling hotdogs.
- Council Dinner (Council members and their guest): August 8, 6:30 pm @ home of Buddy & Karen Lane, 2265 Flight St (off Hurst)
- Goodbye Party: August 9, 6:30 pm @ Moose Creek Pavilion, Pioneer Park

Thank you to all the Homestay families and to all those who are taking time to make our guests feel welcome! If anyone would like to donate their time or would like more information, please call Karen Lane at 459-3758.

• **World Eskimo Indian Olympics (WEIO)**: This was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the competition. Congratulations to NPPD Officer Stanley Swetzof for again winning a gold medal in the Eskimo Stick Pull! Stan doesn't know how many more years he'll be coming up with the gold, he stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was about 26 years younger than him and is around 6'5" and a "big boy"! I joined the other mayors and other dignitaries in welcoming WEIO participants at the Carlson Center. It was a well attended event with teams competing from as far away as Greenland. Thank you, also, to all the community members who attended the reception honoring the past and current WEIO queens on July 21, 2 p.m. at, and sponsored by, Hotel North Pole. WEIO organizers are already talking to me about bringing more pre-WEIO activities to North Pole in 2012! For more information about WEIO, go to [www.weio.org](http://www.weio.org).

• **The Tanana Valley State Fair** is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> year from August 5-13. This year's theme is "80 Years of Northern Nights and Midway Lights." The opening ceremony will include the sealing of a 20 year time capsule to be unearthed at the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Fair in 2031. Various municipal governments, including North Pole, and businesses, like Usebelli, have contributed letters and mementos. While you need to calendar the 2031 event, plan to attend this

year's fair where many exhibits, and some who are Dancing with the Fairbanks Stars, are North Pole residents. For more information, go to [www.tananavalleyfair.org](http://www.tananavalleyfair.org).

- Mid Year Budget Review should be ready for Council consideration on the meeting of September 6 (note that September 5 is Labor Day and the Council meeting is moved to Tuesday). As stated previously, there is nothing that raises urgent alarms regarding the budget, and Council review of the budget will prepare all of us for the important 2012 budget discussions to be introduced in October, following the elections.
- Visit Your Local Businesses, new and old! We have great businesses here in North Pole and by shopping local, we keep more of our dollars in the community, cut down our travel time and expense, and meet interesting people—our neighbors! For example, this last week I walked into the Screaming Weasel Gift Shop, while checking traffic complaints on Peridot. I wasn't sure what to expect, but was pleasantly surprised to the proprietors, Bob & Carol Monroe and their two daughters Ashley and McKenzie. I don't want to sound like a commercial, but they carry locally made Alaskan art and gifts—and you can get your picture taken on the back of a cinnamon grizzly bear!
- Fairbanks Municipal Area Transportation System: conducted a public open house in North Pole this past week to gather comments on the Transportation Infrastructure Plan (TIP). It was not very well attended.

The Policy Committee met; I was informed that the delay in building the sidewalk on St. Nicholas was due to a State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO, pronounced “ship-oh”) concern by the Santa Claus House (I had to ask if they had unearthed an elf artifact!). The delay should cause us some consternation—while the title of the project is the North Pole Interchange Pedestrian Facilities, it's only a sidewalk and should be a simple project! While we're proud of our history and want to preserve our past, there doesn't seem to be anything of historical significance within the DOT right-of-way on St. Nicholas Drive (nothing there is 50 years or more!), and this project which is important to the safety of our citizens who walk or peddle alongside this road that has become very busy with the closure of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the creation of the Dawson/Buzby interchange, should be expedited and immediately completed, not delayed at every opportunity!

The three local mayors wrote a letter to Congressman Young, included in the Council Packet, urging his support of retaining FMATS. I had previously written his office and just after we sent the letter received notification of his support and that the current proposal contains a grandfather

clause for those MPOs, like FMATS, that have the support of the Governor. Losing FMATS would mean that only the Anchorage area would retain any local control over their road projects.

- Dan Fauske, AGDC CEO, presented State Gasline Update, to the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce luncheon. His presentation is included in the Council Packet. The current plan is to build a pipeline that bypasses Fairbanks, which would be served by a smaller spur line, would not be completed until 2018, at the earliest, at a total project cost in excess of \$7.52 billion. The cost of gas to consumers would cost Fairbanks residents more than Anchorage residents, presumably because of population density/size. What was not spoken was that the Fairbanks/North Pole area residents would be charged extra for the spur line, instead of having the entire cost borne by the State. If this is correct, Anchorage receives an unfair advantage. Mr. Fauske did confirm that the ASAP project will also consider trucking gas to Fairbanks/North Pole, using a model presented by Steve Haagenson and FEDC, in order to escalate the timeline and get the Interior more immediate relief. Also, Mr. Fauske encouraged an examination of the Wyoming Gas Authority, the humble manner in which it was started compared to the larger capacity they've expanded to now at 12 Bcf/day.

- Meeting with State and Business Officials is ongoing. Of recent note was the generous time given Chief Lane and I by Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell after the Governor's Picnic. One of our questions to him was regarding how to go about funding a new ladder truck for North Pole, which, as the Council understands, is the only fire department with a ladder truck south of Fairbanks, and the only ladder truck within immediate response time to the refineries and to Eielson AFB. The Lt. Governor and I also spoke extensively of gas distribution; associated projects, like the possible waste heat line; and the affect of State pricing on royalty oil, and associated fees, to the local economy.

Tom Barrett, Admiral retired, is the new President of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. He met with local municipal and business leaders at FEDC and discussed what we should be considering for the future of the pipeline, what Alyeska is doing to prepare, and complications/obstacles they face.

The Interior Delegation, in preparation for the second half of the legislative session, met with the Board of the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce and discussed issues relating to the past session, their priorities in relation to priorities the business community has requested, and prospects for immediate energy relief.

Senator Coghill supported the home heating rebate, getting the Healy Clean Coal Plant operational, Sen. Thomas' efforts to get LNG trucked to North Pole, but disagreed with the

AGDC project bypassing Fairbanks/North Pole—he stated that the Richardson Highway route is a must.

Representative Wilson said the State needs to push back on overreaching agencies, like the EPA, and on plans by the larger community that may forget about our urgent crisis, especially if the finds in Cook Inlet are substantiated, saying, “We (in the Interior) pay the ultimate price.” She stated that the gasoline spur to Fairbanks/North Pole should be paid by the State, as they are paying for the main line. She encouraged the Interior communities to advertise our energy needs in Anchorage to educate them.

I joined other Municipal leaders on a teleconference with Sen. Begich regarding the on-going debt ceiling debate in which was discussed possible impacts to our communities and where the Senator heard the concerns of community leaders. The teleconference was facilitated by the Alaska Municipal League.

Finally, City Accountant Lisa Vaughn and I met with representatives from Wells Fargo on July 26th and discussed investment options for the City, tools for establishing reserve funds, and the possibility of contracting through them a tax auditor. I will let Council know of any promising developments.

- Military Memorial Ceremonies: Last week I attended on behalf of the City a memorial service for CW2 Eric Corl, a local resident, who despite extensive hours, including combat duty, as a pilot, was lost in a small plane accident in Delta.

Thursday, there will be a memorial service for 1-25 Brigade soldiers MSgt Kenneth Elwell and Pfc Tyler Springmann, lost in combat due to an IED explosion.

Our sympathies, thoughts, and prayers go out to the families and friends of these volunteer warriors!

**FNSB ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

FNSB Assembly met on Thursday, July 21. Of potential impact to the City of North Pole, ORDINANCE NO. 2011-20-1D was passed, appropriating \$500,000 In State Grant Funding for a Natural Gas Distribution Study And A Feasibility And Pre-Due Diligence Study.

On a related note, during the past couple weeks, I have spoken with Borough Mayor Hopkins, with several affected parties, including GVEA, FHR, and AGPA, and the Board of the North Pole Economic Development Corporation to facilitate discussions in the North Pole area to make

potential stakeholders aware of planned or potential projects that could benefit from a coordinated timetable and to make sure our interests are integrated into the Borough's RFP.

The next Assembly meeting is planned for August 25; the Agenda is not yet posted. For a list of meeting times and agendas, go to <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/meetings/Assembly> .

## **MEDIA:**

**July 23 & 30:** Mayor Isaacson was on KJNP (1170 AM, 100.3 FM) 8 – 9 a.m. “Over the Coffee Cup.”

## **UPCOMING (see above for other events, dates, and times)**

- **Aug 2**, Dispatch discussions continue with Fairbanks officials
- **Aug 2, 6 pm-9 pm**, National Night Out at Birch Hill Rec Center, Ft. Wainwright
- **Aug 3**, the mayor will be driving to Ft. Greeley as the Guest of Lt. Col. John Mazzitello who is commanding a unit constructing Afghan training facilities
- **Aug 5, 6 p.m.**, the mayor will attend the 168<sup>th</sup> ARW Air National Guard 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- **Aug 9-12**, the mayor and some Council members will be in Sitka for the Alaska Municipal League Summer Meetings
- **Aug 14, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**, The Chena Hot Springs Renewable Energy Fair at Chena Hot Springs.
- **Aug 20:** NPHS Football Season begins at NPHS!
- **Aug 24, 10 a.m.**, FMATS Policy Committee meets at the DOT Conference Room on Peger Road (note, this is a date change from the normal time due to the AML meetings).
- **Aug 26 & 27:** Cruis'n with Santa, (Fall Edition), includes Car Show and Drive In movie, currently scheduled to be at the Christmas Creek Market (formerly known as Santaland RV Park)
- **September 5: LABOR DAY**

- **City Hall Closed, Council will meet on September 6**

**Mayor's Labor Day & Volunteer Appreciation Day Picnic, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Terry Miller Memorial Park**

- Presentation by Foraker Development on the North Pole Library
- Presentation of funds by North Pole Moose Lodge 306 to North Pole Library

## **COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR**

Mr. McGhee requested that the mayor email his comments to the council so as not to waste paper.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK**

**Accountant**

Ms. Vaughn updated council on the finances of the city.

**Police Dept**

Sgt Bellant answered question of him from the council concerning police vehicles outside the city limits and other issues.

**Fire Dept**

Chief Lane said the NFPD participated in the UAF Fire Dept. area drill which involved a mock terrorist attack. They also participated in collapsed building training with UAF. There will be a cold weather drill in February 2012 which will be organized by the same people who organized the drill at UAF. They are hoping for -40 degree weather.

Hydrant testing will begin in August.

**Director of City Services, Bill Butler**

**August 1, 2011 Council Report**

Bill Butler

Director of City Services

**Building Department**

- No residential building permits issues since last Council meeting; however, preliminary submissions submitted for a residential project.

**Public Works**

- Mike Lewis has decided to retire after over 30 years of service to the City
- City-wide pavement rehabilitation project is nearing completion (Finnel, H&H, North Pole High School Blvd., Cross Way, Snowman, Davis, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.)

**Utility Department**

- Lift station renovation project proceeding to completion
  - Lift station project is scheduled for Substantial Completion inspection this Wednesday
  - Yukon lift station corrosion issue reported on at last Council meeting does not appear to be as major a concern as first thought and will not result in a significant cost overrun
- Submitted City's payment as part of TESAL settlement; have submitted formal request for reimbursement to ADEC to underwrite majority of settlement cost
- Submitted two preliminary grant applications to ADEC
  - \$2.5 million for balance of inflow and infiltration project
  - \$2.6 million request to construct a dedicated industrial park force sewer main
- Engineering analysis and design project for waste water treatment plant proceeding and expect to receive draft environmental report in mid August

- Cash flow issue related to utility construction projects expect to only need expedited processing once more when receive invoice for sludge removal project
- Utility will conduct interviews this Friday to replace Eric Sonnenberg who left the Utility approximately one month ago.
- Mike Lewis put in his resignation and will retire on September 30, 2011 after 38 years of service to the city.

**Borough Representative, Mayor Isaacson**  
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**City Clerk, Kathy Weber**  
August 1, 2011

Council Report by Kathy Weber, City Clerk

Here are some of the things that are coming up in the city. If you have any questions on any items below, please feel free to contact me at 488-8583 or email at [Kathy@northpolealaska.com](mailto:Kathy@northpolealaska.com).

- Election filing for City of North Pole - There are 2 city council seats open. Kevin McCarthy is term limited and Bonnie Arnold's seat was for 1 year. Interested persons can come to City Hall from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until Friday, August 12, 2011 – 5:00 p.m. At the time of filing all candidates must have a completed Exemption form, Public Financial Disclosure Form, Declaration of Candidacy along with a \$25 filing fee. Incomplete forms will not be accepted nor will they be accepted after 5pm on Friday, August 12, 2011.
- I will be out of the office on August 3, 8, and 12th.
- I have been in contact with Kathy Doyel of North Pole High School and we will be doing the Intern program again this school year. We are asking for 2 interns and they will receive ½ credit for the semester. Our 2 interns from last semester were a great success

and helped our staff in Admin with filing, data entry, and answering phones. Interviews will take place the beginning of September.

- Kate Stone from FRA-Senior Outreach Program spoke with Admin personnel last week on the programs available to seniors in our area. Ms. Stone left folders with many different pamphlets and information. If you are interested in any of these programs or know of a senior who may need services, contact Ms. Stone at 451-0389 or [kate@fra-alaska.net](mailto:kate@fra-alaska.net) or you can come by city hall and we will give you one of the packets. Made contact with Clarence Shulte of Santa's Senior Center and he will set up a time this fall for her to present to the membership.
- Met with Jeff Brown of Alaska National on Workmens Compensation issues. New program is being implemented to help with reporting of injuries. Will set up meetings with department heads and staff to go over the new program.
- The Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks (AAMC) will host their 46<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in November. This year's theme is "The Power Within" and we will have a dynamic speaker, Dr. Alan Zimmerman. Dr. Zimmerman is a motivational speaker who has won many awards. He will be our guest speaker at the academy and the topic will be "Take this job and love it!" The cost is \$125 which includes a sack lunch. I am encouraging all employees to take this course. CEU will be available to those that need them. Please contact me for more information.

There are 152 days left until Christmas.

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

- Itadori Sister City- Karen Lane reported that the Japanese visitors will be arriving on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The welcome party will be held at city hall on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and side dishes are welcome. Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> is the adult dinner which will be held at 2265 Flight St. Tuesday is goodbye party and anyone attending is asked to bring a dessert. Please let Mayor Isaacson know if you will be attending any of these parties. There will be 16 students and 4 adults traveling from Japan this year.
- Sharron Hunter, Mayor Isaacson, Thomas McGhee, and Ron Jones help serve hot dogs and raise money for the goodbye party at Pioneer Park last week. Everyone was encouraged to bring a guest to any of the events.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS – 5 Minutes**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL FOR NORTH POLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO AUTOPULSES FROM ZOLL MEDICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,585**

Chief Lane updated council during the Committee of the Whole.

#### **Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Jones moved to Approve the purchase of Two Autopulses from Zoll Medical in the Amount of \$21,585 for the North Pole Fire Department**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

#### **Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES – 7- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained - 0**

### **REQUEST FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER BED TAX FROM NORTH POLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Buzz Otis reported that NPEDC cooperated with the North Pole Beautification Committee in putting up the repainted candy canes by providing labor to help place the candy canes as well as hardware to secure them to the light posts. They provided a dumpster for both Cruisin' with Santa and the North Pole Summer Festival and had representatives at both events.

NPEDC updated the rack card and had 5000 more printed. These rack cards continue to be a "hot ticket" and they distribute them to FCVB, who makes them available at the Morris Thompson Center as well as at the International Airport. They are also available locally at the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce cabin and at Santa Claus House.

NPEDC has been working with the State of Alaska to obtain beautification permits for the North Pole Plaza and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Richardson Highway upgrades. We have been given the go ahead for these two projects and are working up an estimate for a Welcome to North Pole sign that will require a separate permit at the 5<sup>th</sup> and Richardson Hwy site. They have also been in touch with the North Pole Plaza owners and have received permission to use part of their private property for the beautification project and are working on getting access to their electricity to light the trees.

NPEDC worked closely with Christmas in Ice to monitor the Ice Alaska situation and offered a North Pole solution to their challenges with their location on the Alaska Railroad property.

Moving forward, NPEDC will be working on their two beautification projects and raising money for the projects from both the public and private sector. They will also continue to raise money for Christmas in Ice and NPEDC.

Saving the best for last, Mr. Otis hired an assistant, Kathy Fitzgerald, who comes to NPEDC with many skills as an entrepreneur, the main organizer for the North American, and a very positive attitude. You can call NPEDC's number, 488-4558 and Kathy will answer, even if out of the office, as it is forwarded to her cell.

### **Public Comment**

Mrs. Weber – AAMC President, Weber Inc

Ms. Weber spoke in favor of both NPEDC and NPCCC and stated that they both have importance in the community.

**Ms. Hunter moved to Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Bed tax for North Pole Economic Development Corporation.**

**Seconded by Mr. Jones**

### **Discussion**

Mr. McGhee said he fully supports the NPEDC but does not support the waste of the awesome talents of Mr. Otis. He feels Mr. Otis is being side tracked by bringing in fundraisers that the NPCCC should be doing. He would like to see Mr. Otis work more with beautification and economic development. Mr. Otis sells the city which benefits the businesses by being a part of North Pole. Mr. McGhee said that he hasn't seen one new business brought in to the city and that there needs to be a workshop with the NPEDC and the council.

Mr. Holm said that he agreed with Mr. McGhee and that the resources are being mixed between the chamber and economic development. Businesses are leaving and there should be efforts to bring businesses to North Pole. There needs to be more direction in economic development.

**PASSED**

**YES – 7- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained – 0**

### **REQUEST FROM NORTH POLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

Bill Butler and Buzz Otis updated council on the beautification project next to Gavora Mall and the off ramp on Santa Claus Lane. Mr. Otis provided a landscape drawing of the area to be worked on. Funds will be drawn on the Public Works – Street Maintenance, line item 01-08-00-7012.

Mr. Holm wanted to know what the total cost of this project will be and completion date of the project.

Mr. Otis said that it would be approximately \$40,000 and should be completed by the time the snow falls

Mr. McGhee wanted clarification on areas of the drawing. He said it doesn't address the signs on the other side of the road and if there were any ideas about cleaning up Tesoro's side.

Mr. Otis said that they hope to push the Main Street idea throughout Santa Claus Lane.

Mr. Butler said that it belongs to DOT and the city can take down anything that is left hanging there.

Mr. McGhee said he appreciates the hard work of Mr. Otis on these projects.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. Jones *moved to* Approved funding in the amount of \$15,000 for Main Street Development Project – Beautification Project to be drawn from Public Works Department, Line Item 01-08-00-7012**

**Seconded by Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

Mr. Holm said he has a problem providing city funds on private property.

Mayor Isaacson asked Mr. Otis to comment to that.

Mr. Otis said it's a private/public partnership and there would be city money spent to improve it.

Mr. McGhee said he supported this project and that it has been a struggle to beautify Main Street. He sees this as the city doing their part to beautify the city without forcing it on the other businesses. This is one step in the process of something we've been trying to do for many years.

Ms. Hunter thanked Councilman Holm for bringing up that issue. She thanked him for that clarification. She felt that Gavora should be doing more and give a bigger contribution.

**PASSED**

**YES – 6- Hunter, McGhee, Arnold, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 1 - Holm**

**Abstained – 0**

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PRE-FUND TRAVEL COSTS TO ANCHORAGE FOR MAYOR ISAACSON TO PARTICIPATE IN ADOT'S STRATEGIC TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAN, TEAM MEETING TWO, AS A MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP GROUP**

Mayor Isaacson stated that this was discussed during Committee of the Whole.

**Public Comment**

None

**Mr. McGhee *moved to* Approve pre-funding Travel costs to Anchorage for Mayor Isaacson to participate in ADOT's Strategic Traffic Safety Plan, Team Meeting Two, as a member of the Leadership Group**

**Seconded *by* Mr. McCarthy**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES – 7- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained – 0**

**RESOLUTION 11-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH POLE RELATING TO THE ALASKA STATE RAIL PLAN AND ITS TIMELY UPDATE**

Mayor Isaacson stated that this was discussed in Committee of the Whole.

**Public Comment**

None

**Ms. Hunter *moved to* Approve Resolution 11-21, a Resolution of the City of North Pole relating to the Alaska State Rail Plan and its timely update**

**Seconded *by* Mr. Holm**

**Discussion**

None

**PASSED**

**YES – 7- Hunter, McGhee, Holm, Arnold, Jones, McCarthy, Isaacson**

**NO – 0**

**Abstained – 0**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mr. McCarthy** – No Comment

**Mr. McGhee** – appreciates Mr. Otis and giving of his time and money for projects in the community. He feels the NPEDC is not putting its efforts in the right place by doing fundraisers in the community. He would like to see a workshop to help make it a priority to generate new revenues. He re-iterated the need for Roberts Rules with questions and discussion. He feels his time can be spent better and asked the council to review Roberts Rules.

**Mr. Holm** – agreed with Mr. McGhee on NPEDC. He would like to see the council and NPEDC have a work session. He is looking forward to seeing visitors from Japan and spending time with them.

**Ms. Arnold** – thanked Sgt Bellant for his explanation in the police department. She is also looking forward to having a work session and coordinating with the others. She will not be at the next meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Jones** – thanked Sgt. Bellant for his explanation of the Police Dept. He missed Lt. Dutra tonight. He said he has worked on the other side by working on Christmas in Ice and how NPEDC has helped bring resources in. Mr. Jones thinks the beautification project is something that will encourage people to shop in North Pole. Mr. Otis is doing a great job and overextends himself a lot. Mr. Jones said he will be attending the Sister City events. As to Roberts Rules, he feels the council needs to follow up on that. Mr. Jones will be attending the AML Conference meeting.

**Ms. Hunter** – glad to see the idea of workshop with NPEDC. The council needs to get them refocused on projects. Mr. Otis's talent is needed for bringing new business and keeping old ones here. It is unfortunate as it takes away from what he does. It is important to look at the goals for NPEDC.

**Mayor Isaacson** - neither the NPEDC or the NPCCC are committees of the council. The council can make recommendations or decide to fund or not to fund. He said the city is getting better with these two organizations. It will be helpful to have a meeting with NPEDC. The perception as to why businesses are closing is something that he needs the council to understand. There are other things in a business plan and Santa Claus RV has other plans. The Screaming Weasel, Katherine Hood and Larry Dotson have brought new business to North Pole. The key is where does the city place their interest if we have limited talents.

Mayor Isaacson stated that Roberts Rules is up to the presiding officer to determine what to do. The City doesn't have large meetings. He wants the council to be as educated as possible without deviating to far from the topic. He's been told he has the makings of a tyrant and he doesn't want to do that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Holm** *moved to adjourn the meeting of August 1, 2011*

**Seconded** *by Mr. Jones*

**No Objection**

The regular meeting of August 1, 2011 adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

**These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, August 15, 2011.**

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**DOUGLAS W. ISAACSON, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**KATHRYN M. WEBER, MMC, City Clerk**